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Dear Dr. Singer:

It is with great regret that I learned that the Regents of the State of New York were not able to accept our application for the Einstein Chair, which we had hoped you might hold jointly between the Rockefeller and New York University. I have assumed that Dr. Kac has kept you well informed about the proceedings; but I do not want the occasion to pass without also expressing my own enthusiasm for the concept, and my regret that it could not materialize under present circumstances. Our faculty colleagues likewise endorsed this nomination with the greatest enthusiasm.

The present initiative is then, alas, terminated; although one can hardly quarrel with the judgement of the Regents in having named Dr. Levitch to the post at CUNY.

The basic concept of a consortial sponsorship retains its validity in principle: although I do not know just where to go with it at the moment, we will certainly be keeping our ears open for whatever other possibilities might emerge.

Yours sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg

cc: Dr. Mark Kac

bcc: Dr. William O. Baker
Mr. Rodney W. Nichols

Footnote to Dr. Kac and Mr. Nichols

Would there be any merit in our getting together with the people from Courant to see if Columbia is willing and interested to join with us in a tri-institutional combination. With a three way split we might still manage the financial burdens even without the state funding.